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Nearly 100 turn out for ceremony

Gathering at Granite City War Memorial honors vets

By Scott Cousins
 Staff writer

About 100 people - most of them members of veterans groups or auxiliaries - came out to pay tribute to their fellows Thursday in Granite City.

They gathered at the Greater Granite City Area War Memorial Park for a short ceremony.

The posts gather at the site twice each year - Memorial Day and Veterans Day - for a ceremony.

Jim Taylor, a retired 30-year Navy man and senior vice commander for the American Legion's 22nd District in Illinois, spoke.

Following the ceremony,

"It's important not to let everybody forget what happened in World War II and the other wars."

Harold Gattung
 Veteran

members of AMVETS Post 51 and its auxiliary laid a wreath at the War Memorial at Granite City Hall. Many of those attending Thursday's ceremony were World War II veterans.

Harold Gattung of Granite City was one of them.

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Betty Wilkins, first vice president of Amvets Auxiliary 51 bows her head in front of the war memorial during Thursday's Veterans Day ceremony.

Tim Stephenson photo

Activist wants Keshner's death investigated

Cleo Willis calls for federal inquiry of circuit judge's death

By Sanford J. Schmidt
 Staff writer

St. Louis minister Cleo Willis is calling for a federal investigation into the death of Circuit Judge J. Lawrence Keshner and for surveillance of Madison County State's Attorney William Haine.

Haine said the minister "is a deplorable demagogue who has neither credibility nor decency."

Willis, who has been leading protests at Lincoln-Douglas Square and calling for a boycott of the Alton Belle Casino, called Haine a "snake."

Willis said the federal office is prosecuting defendants in the August 1998 killing of Richard Skelton and the beating of his brother, Fred Skelton, on Seventh Street in Alton.

"There is no way that Bill Haine or any other county official would stoop to that."

James Gray
 Alton NAACP president

"He is a scheming, conniving human being, lower than a snake," Willis said about Haine.

Asked directly whether he thinks Haine had something to do with the death of Keshner, Willis said, "We can't say that."

He said members of his group are "deeply concerned" because they had hoped

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Madison School District shows test improvements

91 percent of 11th-grade class exceeding state standards

By Scott Cousins
 Staff writer

While most scores remain below state average, annual school report cards in the Madison School District show some positive trends.

The annual Illinois School Report Cards for the district's four schools - Blair Elementary, Harris Elementary, Madison Middle School and Madison High School, showed that in general, students performed below

state averages, but showed more improvement the longer they attended the district's schools.

One very bright spot was that in 11th grade social studies, where 91 percent of the students met or exceed the state standards, compared to 87 percent of all students in the state.

Data in the report cards is based on standardized tests taken in the spring.

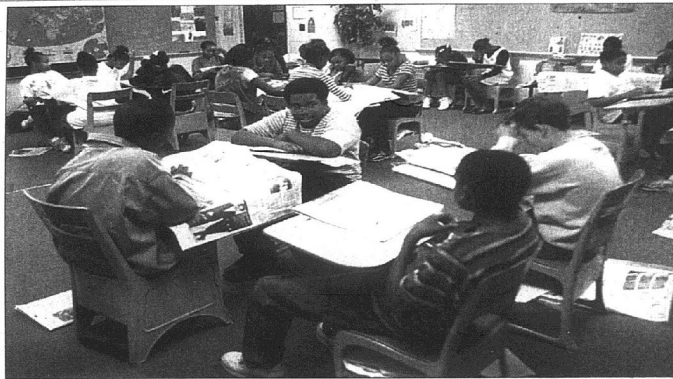
Students are tested in reading, math, writing, science and social studies.

This year, the state switched tests from the Illinois Goal Assessment

Program to the Illinois Standards Achievement Tests for reading, math and writing. Because of that, in most cases no direct comparisons can be made to previous years.

Under IGAP, students were classified as not meeting, meeting, or exceeding state standards. Under ISAT, students are scored in four categories: Level 1 - academically warning, meaning that students' work shows "an inconsistent command of the basic knowledge and skills" in a particular area; Level 2

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Mark Succarotte's sixth-grade culture class at Madison Middle School participates in a class discussion.

Tim Stephenson photo

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School faculty attends weapons presentation

Seminar teaches staff about 'stealth' weapons

By Michael Heil
Staff writer

It looks like lipstick, yet it contains a razor. It looks like a pen, but is really a knife. It looks like a credit card, but has a razor sharp edge on one end.

"They're stealth weapons, objects that appear harmless, but can cut or maim," said Michael Sparks, public relations officer for the Granite City Police Department. "They're the most popular stealth weapons among our youth."

Sparks displayed the weapons at Wilson Elementary School Wednesday afternoon to a combined group of about 60 teachers, teacher's aides and custodians from the school as part of a presentation pertaining to the Granite City Police Department's and the Granite City School District's safety awareness to zero weapons policy. Sparks will speak to educators at each school in the district about the weapons by the end of the school year.

Wednesday's presentation captured the attention of the group for about an hour and stunned many as he talked about the malicious nature of the weapons before passing them around so they could get an up-close look at how deceptive the disguised weapons are.

"I'm surprised by their nature. It is apparent by what was shown here today that looks can be deceiving."

Jane Kiburz
Kindergarten teacher

"They don't look harmful at all, but obviously they are very dangerous," said Dianne Harrington, a special education teacher. "As a parent and teacher it is imperative that I know these weapons exist."

"I'm surprised by their nature. It is apparent by what was shown here today that looks can be deceiving," said Jane Kiburz, a kindergarten teacher.

The presentation also included other stealth weapons, which Sparks spoke about and passed around as well. They included a belt that held a knife in the buckle, a comb that concealed a hard plastic knife



Officer Mike Sparks holds up some common weapons that are found in the classroom.

and a silver dollar key ring comprised of several small razors.

"Forty-four years ago all teachers had to worry about was gum. That was the major concern for them at that time," Sparks said. "Today teachers must contend with a host of weapons."

Sparks said many of the weapons, especially the knives, are made from hard plastic as a way to pass undetected through metal detectors, which are becoming more prevalent in high schools because of the Columbine High School shootings.

"They can cut just as easy as any steel knife," Sparks said. "They're just as dangerous."

Before Sparks ended his presentation, he answered numerous questions and told the group to be aware of the

weapons because they could

"We haven't found any in our district, but that doesn't mean they don't exist. They're out there and most are inexpensive."

Michael Sparks
Public relations officer, GCPD

slowly creep into the schools.

"We haven't found any in our district, but that doesn't mean they don't exist," Sparks said. "They're out there and most are inexpensive."

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BAC unions close to finalizing contracts

Tentative agreements accepted by all three unions

By Christopher England
Staff writer

Three separate unions at Belleville Area College are close to finalizing contract agreements and look optimistic in that endeavor, said Leo Welch, faculty union president.

Faculty voted on Friday to accept the terms of the agreement outlined in negotiations last week. The contract offer from the board of trustees comes on the heels of the possibility for a strike by all three unions.

"We were most certain to take whatever effort it required to secure a contract," Welch said.

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"We were most certain to take whatever effort it required to secure a contract."

Leo Welch
Faculty union president

cerns by the faculty union weeks ago after the initial contract offer by the board did not meet the state average for compensation. The faculty union filed notices of the intent to strike on Oct. 28.

The unions have worked under expired contract

terms for months and have caused an uprising in student concern and activism. Students picketed President Elmer Kirchoff's office two weeks ago.

"We have been thankful that the students are taking their education and our future this term seriously," Kirchoff said.

The faculty union accepted a tentative agreement first, followed by the support staff and the public safety unions.

If the unions approve the contract deals, the board approval will surely follow at its Nov. 17 meeting.

"We are just glad that we can finish the semester uninterrupted and we can focus on our education again," said Charles Johnson, a BAC student.

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Nominations sought for 'Favorite Teacher'

Awards to be given weekly

By Sonia Ahuja
Staff writer

A program honoring local teachers begins this month. The Suburban Journals and radio stations WIL-FM (92.3) and KHITS-FM (96.3) are sponsoring the first "My Favorite Teacher" program.

A different teacher will be recognized each week, for the remainder of the school year, for his or her commitment to children.

The sponsors are encouraging readers and listeners to nominate their favorite teacher for the award. Application forms, which can be found in the Suburban Journals, should be mailed to My Favorite



For the Journals

Students at McGrath Elementary School surround Willie the Cow, the mascot for WIL-FM (92.3). The station, along with the Suburban Journals and KHITS-FM (96.3), is co-sponsoring the "My Favorite Teacher" program honoring area teachers.

Teacher, 8081 Manchester Road, St. Louis, 63144.

"Teachers are a precious

resource, and we are glad to be able to recognize their contributions to our children," said Tom Rice, chief executive officer of the Journals.

Each winning teacher will receive a plaque for the classroom, a \$25 gift certificate to Bradburn's Parent/Teacher Stores, a gift certificate to area Westfield Shoppingtown locations, and Wehrenberg movie passes for each of his or her students.

Matt Saunders, general manager of WIL and

KHITS, said the stations are glad to have the opportunity to acknowledge the importance of teachers.

"Teachers spend more time sometimes with our children than we do," Saunders said. "I know what an impact teachers have had on my four children, and as a parent, I want to give back."

The weekly awards will give "these teachers the recognition they deserve for the job they do," he said.

Pennekamp elected to development council

Will serve on board of directors

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Jim Pennekamp, executive director of the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois, has been elected to serve on the board of directors of the Illinois Development Council.

The IDC is a statewide organization of several hundred economic development professionals throughout the state, who work to expand Illinois' tax base and promote employment.

Pennekamp said he hopes serving on the board will have a "positive affect" on Southwestern Illinois.

"The IDC is the professional economic development group in the state of Illinois," he said. "The real opportunity now has to deal with the relationship of the IDC and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs." Pennekamp said the two are "joined at the hip" and that under Gov. George Ryan, economic development has become a major priority and DCCA has been "beefed up."

"With the passage of

Illinois FIRST and the state's new EDGE incentive program, this is an exciting time for the state."

Pennekamp said, "I look forward to working with some of the most respected economic development professionals in the field and interacting closely with the DCCA."

The board consists of 11 members from four geographic regions in the state. Pennekamp was one of two elected from the central region.

Pennekamp said that when he was approached about serving on the board he was told that Southwestern Illinois should have a delegate representing it.

"There's a growing recognition within the state of the Madison/St. Clair county area in particular and Southwestern Illinois in general," he said. "This is just another way to ensure we're in the loop on projects in the state."

"I'm excited to have been elected to serve. This represents a tremendous opportunity for economic growth in Southwestern Illinois."

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News

Courthouse mourns judge

Keshner was first active judge to die since 1968

By Dennis Grubbaugh
Staff writer

Gloom pervaded the Madison County Courthouse on Monday as reaction continued to the sudden week-end death of Circuit Judge J. Lawrence Keshner.

Black bunting was draped over the entrance to Room 247, where Keshner has presided the last several years. Candles, photos and memorabilia were placed on a table blocking the entrance to the courtroom, which will be closed this week in his memory. Chief Judge Andy Mateosian said,

Keshner is the first sitting circuit judge to die in Madison County since Austin Lewis of Madison in 1968. He died Saturday of what was thought to be a cerebral aneurysm. He became ill at his Godfrey home earlier that day and was taken to St. Louis University Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 6:46 p.m.

The courthouse will be closed on Wednesday until 1 p.m. so that court personnel can attend the 10 a.m. funeral at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey, Mateosian said.

The process of finding a replacement for the 61-year-old Keshner won't begin until after this week's memorial services. Illinois Supreme Court Justice Moses Harrison said Monday,

The state court will appoint a temporary replacement, but is under no specific timetable to do so, preferring instead to take the time to find the right candidate, he said.

"I expect we'll act fairly

quickly though," Harrison said. "Madison County is a busy court as you know."

Because Harrison represents the 5th Appellate District, which includes Madison County, he can make a recommendation to the court on a replacement. There is no application process, but any interested attorney can forward a letter for consideration by the court.

The judge appointed by the State Supreme Court would serve until December 2000 when a candidate elect-

"He was easily the most loved person in this building."

Rod Taylor
Circuit

ed by the people of the circuit is sworn in. The vacancy is expected to be on the ballot for the March primary election.

Circuit judges must run for office every six years for retention. Keshner was not due for election for another two years. Whoever is elected next year would be elected for the completion of that term.

The esteem with which Keshner was held was evident Monday, a typically busy day at the courthouse.

"He was easily the most loved person in this building," said his longtime bailiff, Rod Taylor, who had the daunting task of sorting out public records from private papers in the judge's office.

Taylor had tears in his eyes as he recalled the

judge's last comments to him. Taylor had spent the previous week off with a bad back.

"He called me twice at home and talked to my wife once (at work) to see how I was doing. He said, 'Rod, I love you. I want you back, but your health comes first.'"

Many of the judge's decisions reflected that kind of compassion, Taylor said.

Former State's Attorney and now Circuit Judge Nicholas G. Byron was Keshner's supervisor for several years when Keshner was assistant state's attorney.

"I am deeply saddened by the loss of a very good and special friend with whom I have been associated for 28 years, especially in civic service," Byron said. "Our community and state have lost not only a top judge, but a very special judge."

Keshner became a judge in 1989. In recent years he has handled a full criminal caseload, but had been advised by doctors to slow down because of ongoing heart and health problems.

Associate Judge James Hackett will inherit the criminal caseload carried by Keshner, Mateosian said.

Village approves zoning requests

License granted to restaurant

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Zoning requests for a temporary trailer office at a business and an oversized garage were among items approved by the Pontoon Beach Village Board Tuesday.

A request by George Barker of G-Bar Trucking, 323 Illinois 111, for a special use permit to allow him to use a trailer for an office was approved by the Village Board.

Barker had requested and received approval from the Zoning Board a two-year permit after an on-site hearing Nov. 4. However, the Board only approved the permit for one year after an objection by Trustee Bob Vincent.

Vincent said he did not want a multi-year permit because the village has had trouble with similar situations in the past. Instead, he said they should grant a one-year permit, and allow Barker to reapply for the second year.

That led to a brief argu-

ment between Vincent and Barker. The Board then voted to allow a one-year permit.

The Board also approved a recommendation to allow a variance for a large garage by Joe Curry of 4120 Breckenridge.

Under village ordinances, garages cannot be taller than 14-feet. The variance allows the garage to be up to 20-feet tall.

A public hearing was held Monday at the site. There were no objectors.

The Village Board also approved two business license permits.

Lawrence D. Smith of Collinsville was given a license for a carpet store at 4149 Pontoon Road.

Dana Legans of Granite City, representing DJ&C Inc., was given a business license and liquor license for the former Ralph and Charlie's site.

The new restaurant will be Jaydes Fine Food and Spirits, and is tentatively set to open Dec. 15.

Briefs

PONTON BEACH BREAKFAST WITH SANTA SIGN-UP

Pontoon Beach's annual Breakfast with Santa will be from 8-11 a.m. Dec. 4 at Pontoon Baptist Church, located at the intersection of Illinois 111 and Pontoon Road. Children must register by Nov. 24 at Village Hall, 3910 Illinois 111. Children must be Pontoon Beach residents 12 and under; parents will be asked to verify residency when they sign up.

For more information, call 931-1984, Ext. 16.

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ALLIES, an inter-denominational group of local youth pastors, is sponsoring Turkey Palooza at 7 p.m. Wednesday at City Temple Assembly of God, 4751 Marville Road, Granite City.

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Obituaries

Wanda Thebeau

WANDA MAXINE (CARR) THEBEAU, 57, of Granite City, died at 9:05 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

She was born Sept. 6, 1942, in Roxana. Mrs. Thebeau was a homemaker and member of Women of the Moose Lodge 272 in Granite City.

She is survived by two sons, Robert Thebeau of Collinsville and Jason Thebeau of Madison; a daughter, Victoria Koller of Granite City; five sisters, Shirley Barton of Alton, George Ann Goodstoy of Caseyville, Brenda King of Jefferson City, Mo., Debbie Rodenhous of Caseyville and Sherri Cuvar of Granite City; and eight grandchildren, Dominic and Kennedy Thebeau, both of Madison, Larry Jr.,

Edward, Tracy and Dustin Kampmann, all of Granite City, and Chris and Lori Thebeau, both of Collinsville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert F. Thebeau; her parents, Earl and Lucille (Kelley) Carr; and a sister, Rhonda Carr.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Thomas Mortuary in Granite City with the Rev. Wayne Musker officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to Moose Lodge 272 in Granite City.

Michael Turner

MICHAEL "MIKE" TURNER, 32, of Granite City, died at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, 1999. He was born Aug. 27, 1967, in

Carrollton. Mr. Turner was a 1984 graduate of Central Baptist School. He worked for Meadow Gardens in University City, Mo., as a landscaper.

He is survived by his parents, Ricky Collision Sr. and Bonnie Collision, both of Granite City; his grandfather, Loren Wilhemy of Granite City; his grandmother, Ethel Martin of Winchester; a daughter, Trista Turner of Granite City; a brother, Ricky Collision Jr., and a sister, Angela Masters of Vandalia.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Ida Wilhemy and his grandfather, Latmere Martin.

Funeral services were Friday at Irwin Chapel on Madison Avenue in Granite City with the Rev. Mike Watkins officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to Granite City Chapter of DARE.

Lucille Whiteside

LUCILLE (THOMPSON) WHITESIDE, 65, of Louisville, Georgia, died at 8:10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, 1999, at Jefferson Hospital.

She was born Aug. 15, 1914, in Grapese County, Mo. Mrs. Whiteside owned and operated Lucy's Lounge in Madison, retiring in 1979. She was a member of the Tavern Association and the American Legion in Venice.

She is survived by a daughter, Mary Ann Moss of Atlanta; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis Whiteside; her parents, Cecil and Ethel (Vance) Thompson; a daughter, Janet Schultz and two brothers, Lee "Buster" Thompson and Paul Thompson.

Visitation will be from 2:30 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Thomas Mortuary in Granite City. Graveside services will be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

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Police blotter

Granite City

Mark Steven Begando, 28, of the 2500 block of Jordan was charged Wednesday with driving under the influence of alcohol.

According to a police report, Begando was pulled over about 9:50 p.m. along 23rd and August for having a bolted license plate. During a conversation, the report stated, Begando told officers that he had consumed four beers. A breathalyzer test revealed Begando had a blood-alcohol content of .03. The legal limit in Illinois is .08.

Thomas G. Gunn, 67, of the 2300 block of Hodges was charged Thursday with driving under the influence of alcohol.

According to a police report, Gunn was involved in an auto accident that occurred about 4:30 p.m. in the 2600 block of East 23rd Street, in which the 1986 Buick Regal he was driving struck a tree. Gunn allegedly confessed to officers that he had been drinking, telling them "I'm drunk." Gunn's blood-alcohol blood content was .119. The legal limit in Illinois is .08.

Cynthia G. Farmer, 27, of the 3100 block of Chain of Rocks Road, Granite City and Lashonna L. Felton, 26, of the 1500 block of 5th Street, Madison, were charged Wednesday with disorderly conduct.

According to a police report, Farmer and Felton were trying to flag down cars about 7:10 p.m.

while walking along the south shoulder on State Street.

Thomas Thompson, 45, of the 1200 block of North 43rd Street, was charged Wednesday with prowling.

According to a police report, Thompson was in a yard of a residence in the 1200 block about 2 a.m. when officers arrived after being dispatched to this area in regard to a suspicious person. Police learned that Thompson had two outstanding warrants, one out of Fairview Heights and the other out of St. Clair.

Pontoon Beach

Police are seeking unlawful possession of controlled substance charges, pending lab results, against a Collinsville man in regard to an incident that occurred Wednesday.

Four men from the Metro East were charged Wednesday with public nudity and disorderly conduct. Those charged were Matthew Whitlock, 30, of Hartford, Marvin G. Grant, 30, of East Alton, Aldorico Callina, 61, of Wood River, and Kenneth L. Miller, 71, of Bellville. According to authorities, Whitlock, Aldorico, Miller and Callina allegedly removed part of their clothing during the afternoon at Horseshoe Lake State Park's north shore and Callina and Miller allegedly engaged in homosexual acts.

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Local activist wants circuit judge's death investigated

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Keshner would have brought justice to the case in which a group of black men were accused of the beating death of Skelton, a white man.

But James Gray, president of the Alton Branch of the NAACP, noted that while he disagrees with Haine about the handling of the case, he does not think Haine or any other county official would have anything to do with harming Keshner.

"There is no way that Bill Haine or any other county official would stoop to that. I am shocked that Rev. Willis would say that," Gray said.

Gray said his problem with Haine is in the selection of Assistant State's Attorney Don Weber to prosecute one of the cases and the selection of murder charges, instead of less severe charges. Weber once was fired for allegedly making racist remarks, Gray said.

Fourteen people were charged in the Skelton cases, 10 of them with first-degree murder. One juvenile pleaded guilty to murder, while another juvenile was charged with murder and pleaded guilty to a lesser crime. Two people have been convicted of murder.

Willis sent a telegram earlier this week to U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno on behalf of groups called Justice Inc., CORE, The Black State Committee and the Alton Eleven Committee, requesting an investigation "around the death of the Honorable Lawrence Keshner."

"Furthermore, we are asking for a federal surveillance of the racist Madison County State's Attorney William Haine."

"In addition, we want an investigation of jury tampering in the office of the state's attorney, Madison County, Illinois."

Willis claims a prospective black juror in the Taiwan Davis murder case was dismissed because the prosecution alleged her husband is a drug dealer. Davis was convicted of murder in Skelton's death.

Willis sent copies of the telegram to members of the media, as well as to the Rev. Jesse Jackson, comedian and activist Dick Gregory and the Rev. Al Sharpton of New York, all civil rights figures he has promised to bring to Alton to join his protests.

Haine said the telegram and press release will have no effect.

"The press release is the product of a mind that is filled with hatred and malice," Haine said. "That can be seen by any objective observer."

"I don't see where anyone with any sense will respond to this conduct. This is the conduct of a man out of control, and I must say in all sincerity, apparently deranged."

In an interview, Willis compared the situation with Keshner to that of a gangster who goes into the hospital to be "given a mickey" when the higher-up mob bosses declare it is time for him to go.

He noted that Keshner was "happy and healthy" when Willis and Keshner last spoke.

Keshner presided over

the trial that convicted Glenn Taylor of murder in the Skelton case. Despite the fact that Taylor lost the case, Willis said he and other supporters of the "Alton 11" had hope in Judge Keshner.

He said they hoped that Keshner would have declared a mistrial in the Taylor case.

"He would have thrown a monkey wrench into the whole affair," Willis said.

He also speculated that the city of Alton may have been involved in the affair. The city stands to lose millions of dollars in a potential civil case if the criminal cases are tossed out at some point.

"This would destroy Haine and Don Weber. This would bust the city," Willis said.

Haine said Willis' pronouncements are the rantings of a demagogue.

"Demagogues of this type have done this type of thing to smear people throughout history," he said.

Election judges in demand

By April Calvin
Staff writer

Area election officials met Wednesday at the University of Missouri-Metro East to discuss the shortage of election judges.

"We're here today to announce a major campaign to recruit," said Ronald D. Michaelson, executive director of the Illinois State Board of Elections. "Recruitment's always been a problem, especially in the major metropolitan areas. It's very difficult to get the full complement."

St. Clair County needs a total of 888 election judges. Madison County needs 1,120 judges.

Illinois recently passed a bill that makes high school seniors eligible to become election judges. No more than one senior will be appointed for each political party in each precinct.

St. Clair County Clerk Bob Delaney said he has spoken to principals of the county's high schools, and they believe they will have quite a few interested seniors.

O'Fallon Township High School may be able to provide some 30 students as poll workers.

"We will try to place them as

close to home as possible," said Delaney. Half days are also being considered. Students could fill their hours after school helping with the evening rush.

Student judges will be placed with experienced judges who can aid and supervise them.

"This will minimize or eliminate any anxiety on the part of the existing judges that they are being replaced," said James Lewis, executive director of East St. Louis' Board of Election Commissioners.

Lewis said the chance to actually participate in the election procedure will be motivating for students.

"It's an educational process. It will show them not only the rights, but the responsibilities of citizenship," Lewis said.

"We decided to do a joint effort," said Karen E. Grace with the St. Louis county Board of Elections. Metro East and St. Louis area election officials gathered to push for more judges.

A 1994 Missouri statute allows

for the involvement of Missouri Youth Election Participants. Teens between 15 and 18 who are currently in school can work under the direction of election judges.

"They've been very helpful to us in many of the jurisdictions," said Missouri Secretary of State Rebecca Cook.

Missouri also launched the New Millennium Project to determine why voter turnout is so low among young people.

"We are seeking people who would like to participate in the democratic process," said Forrest V. (Woody) Lange, Democrat coordinator of Judges for the Board of Election Commissioners for the city of St. Louis.

Michaelson said, "The World War II generation of poll workers—the people who have been the backbone of the election process for the last 40 years—are now retiring and they have to be replaced by people just as competent and just as dedicated."

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Obituaries

Elwood Ackerman

DR. ELWOOD LEIGH ACKERMAN, 85, of Sun City, Ariz., formerly of Granite City, died at 9 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, 1999, at Del Webb Hospital in Sun City. He was born in Milwaukee, Wis. Dr. Ackerman was a podiatrist in Granite City for 35 years. He was a member of the Rotary Club, Masons and First Presbyterian Church. He served as past president for the Rotary Club and the Illinois Podiatry Association. He is survived by his wife, Rita Ackerman, a daughter, Elynn-Mae Ullman of Sun City; a son Elwood Ackerman of Granite City; three grandsons, Alan Curtis, Robert

Curtis and Kristopher Curtis, all of Granite City and a great-granddaughter, Tamara Curtis of Granite City. He was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Evelyn (Olson) Ackerman and two sisters, Audrey Ackerman and Lorne Belle Dunn. Memorial services were Saturday at First Presbyterian Church in Granite City with the Rev. Lewis Trotter officiating.

Richard Bates

RICHARD RAY BATES, 57, of Madison, died at 2:46 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, 1999, at his residence.

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He was born Oct. 8, 1942, in St. Louis. Mr. Bates worked for Tarlas Food Company in heating and cooling. He is survived by a daughter, Colette Bates of Peoria; four sisters, Christine Feezer of Bloomington, Debbie Hooper, Joyce Grizzard and Janice Smith, all of Granite City; two brothers, Bruce Basden of Madison and Bill Bates of Mt. Carmel; his stepfather, Frank Basden of Granite City and two grandchildren, Seth Bates and Tristan Bates.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth Bates and Rae Nedra Basden. Funeral services were Saturday at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Bob Baker officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to Alcoholics Anonymous or the Salvation Army.

Jack Lancey

JACK EDWARD LANCEY, 66, of Caseyville, died at 3:46 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, 1999, at John Cochran VA Medical Center in St. Louis.

He was born Nov. 18, 1932, in East St. Louis. Mr. Lancey was the owner of Midwest Radiator and previous owner of Caytown Food Mart, both in Caseyville. He was a pressman at the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and a member of the Caseyville Chamber of Commerce and VFW Post 1117 in Caseyville.

He is survived by his wife, Velma Jean (Ousley) Lancey; two sons, Michael and Jeffrey Lancey; both of Caseyville; a daughter, Terri Bova of Caseyville; a sister, Rita Stansberry of East Alton; a brother, Terry Lancey of Highland; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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Mr. Lancey's remains will be cremated. Memorials may be made to John Cochran Division SICU-VA Hospital.

Fred Laster Jr.

FRED HERMAN LASTER JR., 62, of Granite City, died at 3:37 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, 1999, at St. Mary's Health Center in St. Louis.

He was born Oct. 18, 1937, in Malden, Mo. Mr. Laster worked for Union Pacific Railroad as a carman, retiring after 28 years. He was a member of the International Union, Brotherhood of Railway Carman Union.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Marie (Garner) Laster; three daughters, Paula Brokaw of Pilot Grove, Mo., Freda Bolling of Granite City, and Sandie McCoy of Round Rock, Texas; a son, Lonnie Laster of Granite City; a brother, Langdon Craddock of Sebastian, Fla.; a sister, Juanita Williams of Malden, Mo.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred Herman and Love Aileen (Mosley) Laster Sr.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the chapel, with the Rev. Mark Maynard officiating. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the National Head Injury Foundation.

Shirley Prater

SHIRLEY M. PRATER, 54, of Granite City, died Tuesday, Nov. 9, 1999, at Christian Hospital Northeast in St. Louis.

She was born July 19, 1945. Ms. Prater was a homemaker. She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City and Tricity Handicap Association.

She is survived by two sons, Scott Prater of Granite City and Dale Prater of Glen Carbon; two daughters, Laurie Prater of Texas and Jamie Prater of Granite City; a sister, Sue Lippio of Pennsylvania and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Lorena (Bretwiser) Turner.

Funeral services were Friday at Werner-Mick Funeral Home in Granite City with the Rev. Tom Wise officiating.

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Nearly 100 turn out for veterans ceremony

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"I think it's the right thing to do," he said of attending the ceremony. "It's important not to let everything that happened in World War II and the other wars."

Gattung, who served in the U.S. Army, is a member of the Okawville chapter of the American Ex-prisoners of War.

"I got captured in Italy," he said. "It wasn't really a battle; it was sort of a push. We were moving up Italy, and I got caught near the

"I'm here for every one of them. I owe a lot to those who aren't here and I'm very proud to have served with them."

Paul Costello
Veteran

leaning tower of Pisa." He spent nine months in POW camps and work farms, until he and another soldier escaped.

The eventually reached the end of the war. He described the Russian soldiers as "mean" but said they treated him very well.

Bud Caffrey of Pontoon Beach, an AMVETS member, was also an infantryman during the Italian campaign.

He said too many people have forgotten what veterans

have done for them.

"People all over the country have forgot about these people," he said.

Paul Costello, a Granite City resident who served in the Army for three years, active duty and 22 years in the reserves - including a tour with the 82nd Airborne in Vietnam in 1968, said he felt a "duty" to attend these ceremonies.

"It's my duty to make sure our own veterans are always remembered," he said.

"I don't miss them," he said of the ceremonies on

Memorial and Veterans days. "I'm here for every one of them. I owe a lot to those who aren't here and I'm very proud to have served with them."

Pam Falk of Granite City, who served in the Army as an administration specialist from 1977 to 1979, and is now commander of AMVETS Post 51, said such ceremonies are "extremely important."

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below standards, which means the student has basic knowledge of an area, but has some gaps in their learning. Level 3 - meets standards and Level 4 - exceeds standards.

Superintendent Gary Allison said Wednesday that test results show no surprises, and that the district's programs appear to be working.

He noted that while district scores start out very low in the early grades, students show a greater rate of improvement than the state average in all categories tested.

In reading, 28 percent of third graders tested were at Level 1, 36 percent at Level 2, 19 percent at Level 3 and none at Level 4. This compares to a statewide average of 8, 31, 44 and 17 percent respectively.

By eighth grade, that improves to 11 percent at Level 1, 63 percent at Level 2, 23 percent at Level 3 and 3 percent at Level 4, compared to statewide percentages of 1, 27, 54 and 18 percent.

At 10th grade in Madison, 13 percent are at Level 1, 33 percent at Level 2, 44 percent at Level 3 and 5 percent at Level 4. State averages are 5, 25, 55 and 15 percent.

"It does show that we know our children do not have the readiness skills when they enter school, but they seem to get it," Allison

said. He said one of the biggest problems is that students enter the district far less ready to learn than in other

"It does show our children do not have the readiness skills when they enter school, but they seem to get it."

Gary Allison
Superintendent

districts, which he blames on social and economic factors.

Standardized tests given to students in the fall show that incoming first and second-graders are only 25 per-

cent as ready as the state average.

Much of that is blamed on the high poverty rate of students in the district.

According to state figures, 87.3 percent of the district's students come from low-income families, compared to a statewide average of 36.1 percent.

The district also suffers from a mobility rate more than double - and in the case of Blair Elementary School, triple - the state average. The mobility rate is based on the number of students who enroll in or leave a school during the school year. A high mobility rate is very disruptive to students. The district's mobility rate is 41 percent, compared to 18.1 percent throughout the state. Blair School's rate is 62.7 percent.

The district has emphasized early and pre-elementary education, including an all-day kindergarten, an

expanded early elementary program and a lower student-teacher ratio in kindergarten through third grades.

"In the last three years we've mobilized all of our resources in that direction," he said. "The early efforts are valuable, but it will take time to pay off."

He noted that they were preparing to start another early childhood program, probably sometime this week.

"I believe those intense services at an early age will allow our children to begin

closer than average," he said.

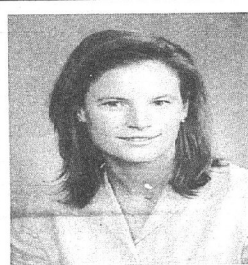
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Only life's struggles awaken us to our full potential

Like the butterfly's battle for freedom from its silken cocoon, it is in the struggle that we learn.

A scientist once watched a butterfly struggle, decided to help, and snipped the cocoon just a little. The butterfly popped out easily but never flew. The cocoon offers just enough resistance so that in struggling to escape, life-giving fluids are forced into the butterfly's wings and they are strengthened. The butterfly is then able to break free and soar joyfully into the warm fragrant breeze.

It is through the long, hard struggle that the butterfly gains enough power to fly.

When you are faced with burdens, troubles and heartaches, dear readers, know that strength is being forced into your character. Understand that God uses the struggles as the potter squeezes the clay. The poem below shows how God transforms us through the struggle.

A New You



Catherine Galasso

"Pressed out of measure and pressed to all lengths. Pressed so intensely it seems beyond strength. Pressed in the body and pressed in the soul. Pressed in the mind until the dark surges roll. Pressure by foes and a pressure from friends. Pressure on pressure until life nearly ends. Pressed into knowing no helper but God."

Pressed into loving His staff and His rod. Pressed into liberty where nothing clings. Pressed into faith for impossible things. Pressed into living a life in the Lord. Pressed into living a Christ-life outpoured."

Often, trials come to awaken you to your fullest potential. We serve a gracious, patient and generous God. He is a true Father. Pressure makes us closer to the One who said, "My strength is made perfect in your weakness."

Wrap yourself in the words of God; they will protect you like a shield deflecting the arrows of outrageous fortune.

When you have gone as far as you can go, leave the problem with God. "Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you." Exodus 14:13. His holy presence will uphold you. Be courageous and rejoice in His love and

faithfulness even before you see it manifest. Follow God's way unquestioningly and trust in His judgment. Judgment means mercy to a child of God and it means defeat to their enemies.

Ninety-year-old Hattie Baumgarten of St. Louis, wrote, "A plaque above my stove reads, 'Lord help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that you and I together can't handle.' Each day should be cherished."

Today, face problems as they arise. Turn it all over to God. Do not fear. How many opportunities have you

missed because you were afraid? Fear robs you of progress, growth and blessings. "The block of granite that is an obstacle in the path of the weak becomes a stepping stone in the path of the strong," said historian Thomas Carlyle.

Seek the right things and have the right priorities. If you live only for your job, the party life or self you miss out on a great many joys.

Let the joy of the Lord replace the false flattery that gives only momentary pleasure. Why seek happiness from realms that do not

last? The Bible says, "Why spend money for that which is not true gold? True gold is the peace that we have when we overcome the struggle. When we, in spite of all our trials and difficulties, spread our arms out and up and soar into heavenly places on the wings of praise."

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Cold start
Illinois Warriors open
season with loss
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Tim Stephenson photo

Senior Ty Suhre will be expected to lead a young Granite City team this year. The Warriors lost eight players to graduation.

Depleted Warriors pin hopes on duo

Suhre, Pritchard anchor young squad

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Any team that loses eight players to graduation probably is in for a letdown.

But graduation didn't take everyone away from Granite City. Two players will hold the key to the success or failure of the Warriors in the Mid-States Club Hockey Association this winter.

(Senior) Ty Suhre and (Junior) Greg Pritchard will be key for us," Warriors coach Dave Yurkovich said. "We are looking forward to (sophomore) Ryan Burns playing stronger. Danny Ferguson is coming back as a junior. Donnie Dickerson is a sophomore this year, and he can help us out. Joe Berg is coming back to play for us. Andrew Bisto is another freshman who will get some time, along with Robbie Gerber. Kyle Hensley is a senior, and we need to get some more production out of him."

"I am going to start Ty and Greg on a line with Ryan Burns. There is a lot of speed there, and that's one thing that we were looking for. They should have lots of offensive punch. We are looking for Ryan to step it up and get more done offensively. We may look for Danny Ferguson to play some center on that line."

The Warriors lost a huge chunk of their blue line corps, including the leading defensive scorer,

"With all of the experience we lost on defense, we have to think safety-first on offense. There won't be as many men sent in deep in the offensive zone"

Dave Yurkovich
Granite City coach

Bob Scott

"We have a big void to fill on defense," Yurkovich said. "Some young kids are going to have to play varsity. Nathan Nesbit is a freshman, this is his first year. He is going to have to step it up and play varsity. Jon Goudvair is back. Larry Brantley is a third-year guy. He probably has the most experience of anybody on the club. David Klueskens is a sophomore who will play for us. He has some good size. John Paul Dickerson played junior varsity the past two years, but he will move up this year."

"We will start with nine forwards and five

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Division champions seeking redemption

Meszaros among several returnees fueling Illinois Warriors' title hopes

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

It is hard to make the case that a third-year club could already be facing a season of redemption, but that is the story for the Illinois Warriors.

In their first season of existence, 1997-98, the Warriors won the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association championship.

The Warriors had high hopes for a repeat last year, but those hopes were dashed in the first round of the playoffs in an overtime loss to Edwardsville.

This year, the Warriors return much of the same cast that staked them to first place in the Northern Division regular-season standings.

The experience of last season should benefit the Warriors' goalkeepers the most. The program lost goalie Robbie Slater to graduation in 1998 and went into last year with two unproven net-minders, Brandon Rollins and Scott Bronbauer. This year, the pair is a year older and battle-hardened.

"I thought that with Scottie and Brandon both, after following Robbie, last year was a year for them to get some experience," Warriors coach Paul Solberger said. "We kind of

"We have the experience, we have the size and the speed. We just have to bring it together."

Paul Solberger
MVCHA coach

threw them from the frying pan and into the fire. Scottie made some key saves and was one of the bright spots (in a 6-4 loss to Bethalto Wednesday night in the opener). Brandon is right there with him, and it was a tough decision to see which of them would start. We went with Scottie because of his physical size, figuring he would cover more net."

"But right now, neither one of those kids has stepped up and said that 'I want to be the No. 1 goalie.' Until that happens, we will probably shift them back and forth and let them decide who is going to be the starter."

Though much of the core returns, some pairing changes were in order on the front lines.

"We changed up this year," Solberger said. "We took Bobby (Meszaros), Brett (Solberger),



Tim Stephenson photo

Senior Bobby Meszaros (27) leads the offensive rush for the Illinois Warriors. Meszaros was among the scoring leaders in the MVCHA last season.

and John (Stordahl) and put them on a line together. Between the three of them, they scored over 60 goals last year. They are

scoring, and they are producing, and they will continue to do so. "The other line is more of a speed line. We post Billy Ficker,

who is just huge (6-foot-5, 240 pounds), and then you have

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1999-2000 Alignment

Class 2A

Northern Division - Illinois
(Granite City) Warriors,
Marquette, Edwardsville,
Bethalto, Alton,
Southern Division -
Belleville West, Belleville East,
Cahokia, Collinsville, O'Fallon.

Past champions

1995-96 Edwardsville
1996-97 Edwardsville
1997-98 Illinois Warriors
1998-99 (2A) O'Fallon
1998-99 (1A) Waterloo

1998-99 Summary

Final Regular Season

Class 2A

North	W-L-T
Illinois Warriors	13-6-3
Bethalto	10-8-4
Alton	10-8-4
Edwardsville	10-8-4
Marquette	9-9-4
Roxana	0-20-2
South	W-L-T
O'Fallon	17-3-2
Althoff	11-8-9
Collinsville	10-10-2
Belleville West	10-10-2
Belleville East	8-11-3
Cahokia	6-11-5

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MVCHA hockey schedule

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Girls volleyball statistics

Metro East Volleyball			Jame Cassidy, Granite City			50	186	3.72
Kill Average Leaders			Name, School			Block Average Leaders		
GP	Kills	Avg	GP	Bks	Avg	GP	Bks	Avg
Name, School			Name, School			Name, School		
Jason Tice, O'Fallon	83	411	4.55	Timothy Hunt, Mascoutah	64	258	3.25	
Eric Monroe, Taylor	43	220	5.12	Randy Brown, O'Fallon	63	170	2.70	
James Caldwell, A. Huff	76	320	4.21	Casey Hunter, Belleville West	62	159	1.89	
Pat Nutter, Belleville West	63	252	4.00	Eric Nuss, Belleville West	62	115	1.05	
Gregory Anderson, Belleville West	60	232	3.87	Erin Nuss, ME Lutheran	57	109	1.76	
Tom McNeil, Valleymer	57	190	3.33	Ken McNeil, Valleymer	57	90	1.58	
Robert Boyd, Tazewell	57	258	3.12					
Robert Leach, O'Fallon	43	165	3.81	Name, School	G	Att	E	Pct
Paul Zwick, ME Lutheran	62	149	3.05	G. Cropp, Collinsville	52	160	4	97.33
Lauren Scamell, A. Huff	74	213	2.89	Kendra Laxon, Belleville West	51	290	12	95.86
Timothy Hunt, Mascoutah	60	168	2.81	S. Deluca, Collinsville	49	205	5	94.90
				Shelley Simon, Belleville West	48	61	4	94.00
				Suzanne Gundlach, A. Huff	76	333	21	93.02
				L. Walters, Collinsville	72	160	14	91.43
				Dawnwood, Belleville West	68	267	19	91.09
				Kristin Connolly, Mascoutah	63	495	40	91.93
				Deanne Tice, Collinsville	73	391	34	91.33
				Shirley Sedart, A. Huff	69	391	34	91.33
				Lauren Scamell, A. Huff	74	212	13	90.53
				Timothy Hunt, Mascoutah	62	82	6	92.31
				Marissa McDowds, A. Huff	69	135	13	90.33
Ace Average Leaders			Name, School			Serve Percentage Leaders		
GP	Aces	Avg	GP	Att	%	GP	Att	%
Name, School			Name, School			Name, School		
Timothy Fox, A. Huff	61	74	1.21	Mike Bieker, ME Lutheran	50	90	100.00	
Johnny Tarkenton, Taylor	43	45	1.05	Ken Granite City	23	49	100.00	
Pat Nutter, Belleville West	63	60	0.72	Rachelle Lane, ME Lutheran	58	250	5	98.08
Andrew Bergkamp, Granite City	53	37	0.70	Suzanne Gundlach, A. Huff	67	248	0	97.57
Anthony Mangione, O'Fallon	43	40	0.55	Kendra Laxon, Belleville West	51	186	5	97.33
Mike McNeil, ME Lutheran	56	38	0.64	G. Walters, Belleville West	61	206	6	97.07
Ken McNeil, Valleymer	57	36	0.63	Deanne Tice, Collinsville	73	31	69	97.00
Lauren Scamell, Belleville West	49	33	0.67	A. Parker, Collinsville	67	206	6	96.59
Johnny Simon, Belleville West	40	29	0.59	Shelley Simon, Collinsville	68	272	8	96.33
Johnny Tarkenton, Taylor	43	29	0.50	Shelley Simon, Belleville West	63	331	10	96.07
Assist Average Leaders			Name, School			Serve Percentage Leaders		
GP	Asss	Avg	GP	Att	%	GP	Att	%
Name, School			Name, School			Name, School		
S. Deluca, Collinsville	68	759	8.51	Mike Bieker, ME Lutheran	50	90	100.00	
Emily Schornell, A. Huff	79	670	8.49	Ken Granite City	23	49	100.00	
Jim Hensberger, O'Fallon	53	416	7.89	Rachelle Lane, ME Lutheran	58	250	5	98.08
Shelley Simon, Belleville West	61	413	6.77	Suzanne Gundlach, A. Huff	67	248	0	97.57
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Deanna Tice, Collinsville	68	390	6.09	G. Walters, Belleville West	61	206	6	97.07
Emily Hunter, Mascoutah	47	372	5.55	Deanne Tice, Collinsville	73	31	69	
Deanna Tice, Collinsville	68	390	5.73	A. Parker, Collinsville	67	206	6	
Emily Enosch, O'Fallon	47	373	5.61	Shelley Simon, Collinsville	68	272	8	
Shelley Simon, Belleville West	61	413	6.77	Shelley Simon, Belleville West	63	331	10	

Prep football statistics

Metro East Football			Rushing Leaders			Reid Jones		
Scoring Leaders			Yards			Columbia		
Name	Team	Pts	Name	Team	Yards	Name	Team	Yards
Travis Evans	Edwardsville	12	Travis Evans	Edwardsville	1386	Guillermo Davis	Belleville W	1162
Guillermo Davis	Edwardsville	10	Eric Stewart	Columbia	1219	Nick Snock	Belleville W	1018
Guillermo Davis	Edwardsville	10	Guillermo Davis	Belleville W	1003	Jerrold Jones	Mascoutah	995
MacMinn Henderson	Freeburg	6	Nick Snock	Freeburg	853	Terrence Wootch	Freeburg	811
MacMinn Henderson	Freeburg	6	Terrence Wootch	Freeburg	815	Adam Luchefeldt	Edwardsville	781
Nick Snock	Freeburg	6	Adam Luchefeldt	Edwardsville	776	Interception Leaders		
Eric Stewart	Columbia	6	Sean Duray	Freeburg	776	Name	Team	Yards
Guillermo Davis	Edwardsville	6	Adam Luchefeldt	Edwardsville	776	Chris Kiepper	Edwardsville	
MacMinn Henderson	Freeburg	6	Sean Duray	Freeburg	776	Scott Hamrick	Mascoutah	
Nick Snock	Freeburg	6	Adam Luchefeldt	Edwardsville	776	Terrence Po	Edwardsville	
Eric Stewart	Columbia	6	Sean Duray	Freeburg	776	Terrence Po	Edwardsville	
Guillermo Davis	Edwardsville	6	Sean Duray	Freeburg	776	Terrence Po	Edwardsville	
MacMinn Henderson	Freeburg	6	Sean Duray	Freeburg	776	Terrence Po	Edwardsville	
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Bowling results

CAMELOT BOWL		Week of Oct. 16	
Youth Bowling		Friday A	
Week of Oct. 7		Friday A	
Friday A		Boys High Series	
Bobby Nordyke	562	Matt Wright	232
Jarcy Piew	447	Brandon Allen	198
Boys High Series		Boys High Series	
Bobby Nordyke	203	Matt Wright	118
Jarcy Piew	199	Brandon Allen	113
Girls High Series		Girls High Series	
Kerlita Todd	363	Rhannon Bauer	243
Florida Todd	330	Meghan Heim	219
Girls High Series		Girls High Series	
Florida Todd	148	Rhannon Bauer	138
Kerlita Todd	147	Meghan Heim	131
Friday B		High School	
Boys High Series		Boys High Series	
Alex Niemczek	291	Kyle Murphy	608
Joan McCoy	173	Aaron Dellamano	603
Boys High Series		Boys High Series	
Alex Niemczek	83	Kyle Murphy	242
Vy Furfaro	69	Aaron Dellamano	
Girls High Series		Girls High Series	
Stephen Niemczek	251	Tina Taylor	545
Erin Dickery	241	Rachel Spiker	490
Girls High Series		Girls High Series	
Tina Taylor	186	Tina Taylor	186
Jacquelyn Spiker	186	Jacquelyn Spiker	186
Rachel Spiker	127	Rachel Spiker	180
Friday B		Bumpers	
Boys High Series		Boys High Series	
Tyler Bauer	297	Tyler Bauer	297
Ty Murphy	213	Ty Murphy	213
Boys High Series		Boys High Series	
Ben Bauer	173	Ben Bauer	173
Brandon Boyer	121	Brandon Boyer	121
Girls High Series		Girls High Series	
Elizabeth Beauchamp	197	Elizabeth Beauchamp	197
Jamie Allen	188	Jamie Allen	188
Boys High Series		Boys High Series	
Elizabeth Beauchamp	116	Elizabeth Beauchamp	116
Jamie Allen	103	Jamie Allen	103
High School		High School	
Boys High Series		Boys High Series	
Aaron Dellamano		Aaron Dellamano	

Boys basketball

Eric Helm	592	Boys Basketball	Feb. 10 - at Belleville East, 8 p.m.
		1990-2000 Schedules	Feb. 19 - at Granite City, 8 p.m.
		Southwestern Conference	Feb. 26 - Belleville West, 10 p.m.
Andy Bauer	218	BELLEVILLE EAST	EAST ST. LOUIS
Eric Helm	213	Nov. 27 - at Hazelwood (Mo.) Cent. 1	Nov. 24-27 - Galesburg Thanksgiving Tournament, TBA
Bumpers			
Boys High Series			
Tyler Murphy	248	Nov. 29-30 - at Maryland Heights (Mo.)	Dec. 3 - at Collinsville, 8 p.m.
Landon Solomon	198	Patterson Tournament, TBA	Dec. 5 - at St. Edwards (Shroder), 8 p.m.
			Chester (Mo.) DeSmet, 7:45 p.m.
Boys High Games			
Tyler Murphy	198	Dec. 13 - at Maryland Heights (Mo.)	Dec. 10 - Belleville West, 8 p.m.
Landon Solomon	198	Patterson Tournament, TBA	Dec. 17 - at Normand Heights (Mo.)
			7 p.m. at Gateway - St. Louis and at Kiel Center downtown St. Louis.
Girls High Series			
Jessica Jacobs	100	Dec. 7 - at O'Fallon, 8 p.m.	Dec. 18 - Edwardsville, 8 p.m.
Loree Hayden	168	Dec. 9 - at Forest Park (McCluer), 8 p.m.	Dec. 19-20 - Collinsville/Schnucks Holiday Classic, TBA
		Center in Coal-Coke RKOX Shootout at Kiel Center in downtown St. Louis.	
Girls High Games			
Loree Hayden	101	Dec. 11 - at Alton, 8 p.m.	Jan. 7 - at Granite City, 8 p.m.
Jessica Jacobs	89	Dec. 16 - Belleville AHSJ, 8 p.m.	Jan. 8 - at Highland Shroder, 8 p.m.
		Dec. 17 - at Granite City, 8 p.m.	Jan. 14 - at Alton, 8 p.m.
		Dec. 29-30 - at Collinsville/Schnucks Holiday Classic, TBA	Jan. 15 - Belleville East, 8 p.m.
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Boys High Series			
Matt Wright	228	Jan. 7 - at Collinsville, 8 p.m.	Jan. 17 - vs. St. Louis boys, 8 p.m.
Kylo Dubiar	162	Jan. 8 - at Edwardsville, 8 p.m.	Martin Luther King Jr. Classic at Kiel Center downtown St. Louis.
Adam King	152	Jan. 15 - at East St. Louis, 8 p.m.	
		Jan. 19-20 - Belleville East Invitational, TBA	
Boys High Games			
Matt Wright	133	Jan. 28 - at Alton, 8 p.m.	Jan. 27 - Chicago Marshall, 8 p.m.
Adam King	99	Jan. 4 - at Granite City, 8 p.m.	Jan. 28 - Collinsville, 8 p.m.
		Feb. 12 - Edwardsville, 8 p.m.	Jan. 29 - at Belleville West, 8 p.m.
Girls High Series			
Meghan Helm	238	Feb. 18 - Collinsville, 8 p.m.	Jan. 31 - at St. Louis downtown, 4:30 p.m.
Rhannon Bauer	212	Feb. 19 - at Belleville West, 8 p.m.	Feb. 4 - Edwardsville, 8 p.m.
		Feb. 25 - East St. Louis, 8 p.m.	Feb. 18 - Granite City, 8 p.m.
			Feb. 19 - at Alton, 8 p.m.
			Feb. 25 - at Belleville East, 8 p.m.
Girls High Games			
Meghan Helm	123	BELLEVILLE WEST	EDWARDVILLE
Samantha Legendre	113	Nov. 23-27 - at O'Fallon-West Tournament, TBA	Dec. 3 - Granite City, 8 p.m.
Women's High Series			
Gail Smith	643	Dec. 11 - at St. Louis University High, 7 p.m.	Dec. 10 - at Collinsville, 8 p.m.
Sharon Crossen	633	Dec. 11 - at East St. Louis, 8 p.m.	Dec. 14 - Taylorville, 8 p.m.
Chanel Schreier	610	Dec. 17 - at Granite City, 8 p.m.	Dec. 10 - at Collinsville, 8 p.m.
Pat Wike	586	Dec. 17 - Alton, 8 p.m.	Dec. 14 - Jerseyville, 8 p.m.
Pam Wike	586	Dec. 18 - at Belleville East, 8 p.m.	Dec. 18 - East St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Tyler Klingemann	558	Dec. 29-30 - Center Tournament, TBA	Dec. 29-30 - Champaign, 8 p.m.
Sharon Glicksicker	558	Dec. 29-30 - Edwardsville, 8 p.m.	Jan. 7 - at Belleville West, 8 p.m.
Rae Van Dyke	557	Jan. 8 - at O'Fallon, 8 p.m.	Jan. 8 - Belleville East, 8 p.m.
Trina Short	557	Jan. 15 - Collinsville, 8 p.m.	Jan. 15 - at Alton, 8 p.m.
Brenda Wiernan	557	Jan. 19-20 - Belleville East Invitational, TBA	Jan. 19-22 - Salem Tournament, TBA
		Jan. 26 - at Waterloo/Gibault, 8 p.m.	Feb. 28 - at Granite City, 8 p.m.
		Feb. 29 - East St. Louis, 8 p.m.	Feb. 29 - Collinsville, 8 p.m.
		Feb. - at Alton, 8 p.m.	Feb. 1 - Bethalto Civic Memorial, 8 p.m.
		Feb. 11 - Granite City, 8 p.m.	Feb. 4 - at East St. Louis, 8 p.m.
		Feb. 12 - Belleville AHSJ, 8 p.m.	Feb. 6 - at Cahokia, 8 p.m.
		Feb. 18 - at Edwardsville, 8 p.m.	Feb. 12 - at Belleville East, 8 p.m.
		Feb. 19 - Belleville East, 8 p.m.	Feb. 18 - Belleville West, 8 p.m.
		Feb. 25 - at Collinsville, 8 p.m.	Feb. 22 - at Triad, 8 p.m.
			Feb. 26 - Alton, 8 p.m.

Boys soccer statistics

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Bethalto beats Illinois Warriors in opener

The Eagles, and Bradley, got even 1:05 later. Bradley took the puck and

But Bethalto wasn't finished. At the 10:04 mark of the second, Rogers pulled

thought we got more focused and hit our offensive plan better. But still, all-in-all I thought we played well enough to win. I thought we had a lot better scoring opportunities. On a couple of shots that don't get counted as shots, we missed the net by inches. We had Tobin down. I thought we caused havoc in front of

that was my fault, that was my goal, and I probably should have kept my mouth shut. I thought there were a lot of high hits that they were getting away with and we retaliated and took the penalties. We have to do a better job with discipline. But you only have two cheeks, and you can only turn them so

"I think it was a big game, first night, and we came out with some pre-game jitters, and I think that's why we got off to such a bad start. You can't spot a team like Bethalto goals, with their goaltending. I think their goaltending was the difference in the game. We outshot them and we outplayed them, and we will do better."

Warriors seeking title run

U-15 boys and U-16 boys: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 7; Saturday, Nov. 13; Sunday, Nov. 14 and Saturday, Nov. 20.

U-17 boys and U-18 boys: 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 7; Saturday, Nov. 13; Sunday, Nov. 14 and Saturday, Nov. 20.

For more information, call the Metro FC office at 667-8333.

Shootout tickets at East

The Belleville East boys basketball team will participate in the Coca-Cola/KMOX Shootout on Dec. 9 at the Kiel Center in St. Louis. Tickets are currently on sale at the East scoreboard office. All tickets are \$10 and \$20. Proceeds go to the entire day's games.

Dustin Wesley and Luke Forrester, who can just fly. We add Matt Salzman. He is a senior. He has four seniors. He is coming on and stepping up.

On defense, Eric Wright, Billy Cahill, David Svezia, and (sophomore) Josh Anderson, three of the four seniors. They are talented and deep in experience."

Expectations are high again for the team at the end of the mad Granite City.

"I would expect to win the district and we have a good onus," Solberger said. "We have the talent, we have the experience up and down the line. We have plenty of seniors. I think every kid on the team is

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defensemen. Brian Reese will be back in goal. Lester Grobe is a senior who will play strictly on the varsity team. Brian will go back and forth between varsity and junior varsity."

Yurkovich has a familiar face returning this season to help out behind the bench.

Chris Goelen, a senior alumnus of the Warriors, Yurkovich said. "He skated with Mike Jaros on those teams that was a little player for a while in the early 1990s. He will be a big help in this year."

Expectations are being kept in check for what could possibly be a rebuilding season.

"We have to be better defensively," Yurkovich said. "We will feed it out and see which direction we have to go. With all of the experience we lost on defense, we have to think safety first on offense."

"There won't be as many men sent in deep in the offensive zone. We will play more traps and help the defense so that, hopefully, we can win some hockey games. So we'll play some games and see what method is best for this team."

The season began Tuesday at the Affton Ice Ring against St. Louis Bishop DuBourg.

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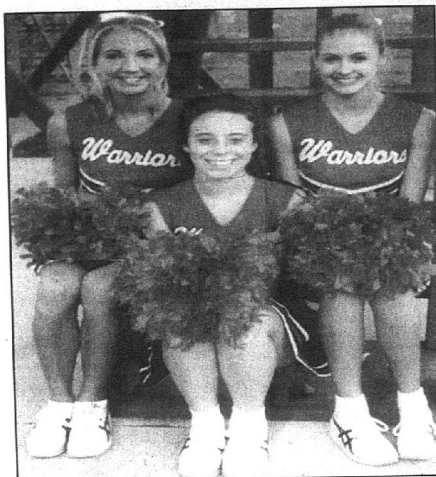
Granite City native Justin McMillan has earned a slot on the first-team all-Great Lakes Valley Conference team.

McMillan, a junior at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, ranked sixth among league scorers with nine goals and three assists.

Teammate Cress Maddox, a sophomore marking back, was named to the league's second team.

On the girls side, Tasha Siegel was named to the first team.

Joining Siegel as first team all-GLVLC members was senior Kristi Stedman.



Award winners

The Granite City varsity soccer cheerleaders participated in the National Cheerleaders Association summer camp at Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, Mo. The varsity and JV cheerleading squads received the following awards: The Hokie TEAM Award, National Championship Bid Winner, Top Team Winner, Superior Award. Three members of the Granite City squad earned All-American honors. That trio (pictured at left), is (from left), Shannon Stapleton, Maria VanSickle and Amanda Zaring.

East puts faith
in 'The System'

Defending champ O'Fallon rebuilds; Maroons expected to be strong again

By Scott Marison
Staff writer

Believing in "The System" may lead to a championship for the Belleville East Club hockey team.

The Lancers, under new coach Don D'Agostino, should be a solid contender for the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association title. Last year, East was 1-10-4 in the regular season but played well in a 3-2 first-round playoff loss to eventual MVALA Class AA champion O'Fallon.

"This is a mature and solid organization prepared to play its best hockey ever," said D'Agostino, who was an assistant last year under former coach Mark McKinney. "I've employed a different strategy this year, which is the basis of my instructional manual, 'Point Position Hockey.' The players are adapting well to this system, although we still have some areas we need to work on."

East opened the season in impressive fashion on Nov. 7 with a 3-1 victory against Cahokia.

"We outshot them by 30 shots, but their goaltender played well," said D'Agostino, who coached two years at O'Fallon before coming to East last year. "We controlled seven-eighths of that hockey game. Their chances were sporadic at best."

"This is our year, I hope. Last year was our rebuilding year. I'm emphasizing patience and posture. Our transition game is the key to making my system work, and we're improving all the time."

"We've come a long way since this summer when I first introduced this system to the club. I feel by our fifth match, these young men will adapt cognitively to my system of play, which includes a five-point breakout, two forechecking options, neutral zone attacks and special team formats."

D'Agostino is building the team around a nucleus of five veterans, senior captain and winger Dan Kombrink, junior center Jim Bedwell, junior defenseman Matt Schaefer and junior winger J.R. Yedinak.

O'Fallon
O'Fallon has given itself a hard act to follow. Last season, the Panthers won the MVALA Class AA championship after rolling through the regular season with a 17-3-2 record. But the loss of several key players and an administrative shakeup left O'Fallon with its third head coach in three seasons.

Larry Skora, the Panthers JV coach last year, is the new varsity coach.

"We lost some good seniors from last year, including Ryan McKinney, who was the leading scorer in the league, and Mark Power, who was one of the better goalies in the league if not the best," Skora said. "We also lost five other starting front-line

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Don D'Agostino
East coach

players to graduation.

"Plus, due to the internal problems, four players decided not to play high school hockey this year. We'll have a fairly solid lineup, but we're not real deep."

Belleville West
Belleville West may not be the team to beat this season in the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association, but that doesn't mean the Maroons will be any less of a target.

"We've had a good record the first three years, so Belleville West is a team everybody always gets fired up to play," said Maroons coach Mike Morgan. "There are no easy games for us. Last year we were 14-14-2. We were a better team than our record showed."

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The featured speaker is Jackie Haug, nurse practitioner from Koch Family Health Center.

Proceeds will support the Koch Family Health Center at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Hospice hosts holiday blues workshop

Hospice of Madison County, a division of Home Care Services at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, is offering a Holiday Blues Workshop at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in Pascal Hall, Ground Floor, to help those who have lost a loved one learn how to cope

constructively with the holidays. The workshop is led by Edith Brayer, Ph.D., family therapist, and Eileen Humphrey, MSW, social worker. Ellen Fredrick, R.D., dietitian, will present ideas on diet and exercise for the holidays. It is open to

the public and there is no charge, but pre-registration is required. To reserve your place at either session, please call Hospice of Madison County at 798-3399 on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Pre-registration will be closed Monday.

RideFinders host award luncheon

Individuals, companies and organizations honored Thursday

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Individuals, companies and organizations were honored Thursday for their efforts at improving regional air quality at the annual Clean Air Recognition Awards Luncheon last week.

Award recipients ranged from a nine-year van pooler to the St. Louis Science Center.

The ceremony was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at Union Station and was sponsored by RideFinders.

RideFinders, operated by the Madison County Transit District, coordinates van and car pool information, and promotes ridesharing in a seven county area on both sides of the Mississippi River.

JR Kyle, of Washington, Mo., received the Vanpool Award. He has participated in a van pool to BJC for nine years.

Karon McCoy, of Foristell, Mo., received the Carpool Award. She has participated in car pools, cycling and mass transit to get to work at the Social Security Office in St. Louis since 1976. She also serves as the Employee Transportation coordinator at her workplace.

Patricia Wilted, of Pacific, Mo., was given the Mass Transit Award. She has been riding St. Louis buses to work each day at Alliance Blue Cross/Blue Shield since 1993.

James Curly, of South City, began bicycling to work at the Washington University Medical School library five years ago. He was presented with the Bicycling Award.

Allen Bleat, of Florissant, received the Telecommuting Award. Bleat, who works for Sprint, began telecommuting

in July 1997 when growth at the company made it difficult to fit all the personnel into the Interstate 270 office.

Teresa Day, an employee at first, hosted numerous events with RideFinders to educate employees about the benefits of ridesharing and registering for car and van pools. She was given the Outstanding Employee Transportation Coordinator of the Year Award.

Fred Potthast, an employee of Didion & Son's Foundry, was presented with the New ECT Coordinator of the Year Award. Potthast works to educate employees about ridesharing, and also rides in a van pool.

Barb Klein of MCI Worldcom's Town & Country office, received the 1999 Rideshare Week Award. Klein gathered more than 100 pledges during the annual Rideshare Week promotion.

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Jane Smith

RideFinders Program Manager

tion, and almost three-fourths of those people requested a matchlist for car and van pools.

Schmuck's Markets received the Ongoing Commitment to Clean Air Award. Schmuck's was cited for helping "generate measurable results in the clean air effort" including selling most of the 15,000 Air

Quality Cards purchased by commuters this year.

St. Louis Science Center was honored for its efforts at educating the public about air quality, most visibly through the air quality sign placed on the overpass during ozone season with the Outreach and Education Award.

While the overpass sign is the most obvious display of the St. Louis Science Center's outreach efforts, the staff at the center also teamed with the American Lung Association and the St. Louis Regional Clean Air partnership to offer a series of educational programs to address air quality issues.

RideFinders Program Manager Jane Smith said. The Outstanding Reduction in Fleet Emissions Award went to Laclede Gas Co. Laclede Gas Co. has promoted the use of clean-burning alternative fuels, including the construction and maintaining of the Bi-State Development Agency's compressed natural gas fueling system.

The St. Louis Metropolitan Sewer District was recognized with the Outstanding Institutional Contribution Award for its decision to postpone a hazardous waste collection event during the summer's ozone season.

"Because the event would have attracted thousands of participants, MSD realized the potential negative impact the traffic volume might have had on the region's air quality during the height of the smog season," Smith said.

Raymond Marbury of Maritz was honored with the Clean Air Coordinator of the Year Award for being instrumental in establishing many of the company's clean air practices, including getting clean air initiatives added to the company's safety handbook.

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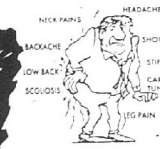
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Lathrops host weiner roast, October birthday party

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lathrop had their annual weiner roast and an October birthday party Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Ferguson, Pam Bailey and son, Griffen, Matt Borgens, Mr. and Mrs. David Lathrop, Ryan and Andrew, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Williams and son, Mitchell, were present. Ferguson, Cindy, Lathrop, Bailey and Borgens all celebrated birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth (Melissa) Tindell are announcing the arrival of Danielle Nicole on Oct. 14 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She weighed seven pounds, seven ounces and is 20-inches long. She joins two sisters, Natasha, 2, and Whitney, 7. Maternal grandparents are David and Sharon Grubbs, and great-grandparents are Blythe and Thelma McMurray. Her paternal grandparents are Thomas and Wanda Tindell.

A Parent/Child Dedication Service was held recently in the Pontoon Baptist Church morning service. Jason and Erin Carter and daughter, Carolyn Jade Carter, Greg and Kari Schipkowski and sons, Kody Gregory Schipkowski, Benjamin Gregory Schipkowski and Alex Gregory Schipkowski, attended the event. Family and friends were also present.

Dedication certificates and engraved Bibles were given to each child.

A Madison County Baptist Associational Banquet was took place Monday evening at Pontoon Baptist Church. Missionaries Jerry and Karen Dowan spoke about their missionary lives and work in the Antigua Island in the Caribbean. Others attending represented the following churches: First Baptist, Second Baptist, Third Baptist, Emmanuel, Grace, Calvary, Pontoon, Suburban and West 22nd, all of Granite City, and Pleasant Ridge in Maryville. Jane Raphael catered the meal.

David and Linda Moore have returned home after a vacation in North Fenton, N.Y., where they visited Clint and Pauline Potter, (former residents). They had a wonderful visit and attended the ordination service of the Rev. Clint Potter and saw their new home and rural chapel.

Crystal Andersen hosted a birthday Saturday for her son, Dalton, who celebrated his 4th birthday. The party's theme was Scooby Doo. A Scooby Doo birthday cake was served with refreshments. Guests included his grandparents, Chris and Rhonda Andersen, great-grandmothers, Fran Henke and Kay Andersen; Jerry Henke and daughter, Emily, and Betty, Tina

Lyons, Randy Valentine, Joni Gordon and daughters, Alison and Britni, Ashley and Whitney Andersen, Edward Burris and Courtney and Nathan and Debbie Henke.

The Bunco Club met Tuesday evening in the home of Linda Arnold. Edna Bennett, Vicki Royce, Robbie Wilson, Cheryl George, Phyllis Higgins, Margaret Busby, Carlene Whitehead, Sally Kirksey, Cindy Naughton and Kathy Feldt played games and enjoyed refreshments. Arnold won first prize. Feldt won second prize, and Wilson won third prize. Whitehead and Naughton won the Snake Eyes and Boobie prizes.

The Granite City High School Dance Team was very active performing at the homecoming parade, rally and football game. Their fund raiser, ticket sales and Butter Braids Breads were successful. Drew Blaylock and Mike Smith were able to sit on a couch on the field during the game. POM squad members who participated were captains Julie Scott, Megan Bilyea and Kristin Bernaia. Other members of POM include Tiffany Bernaia, Lydia Bettor, Ashley Beware, Alyssa Churchill, Tina Evans, Megan McKrechen, Teri Mendenhall, Lauren Miller, Lindsay Moore, Jennifer Smiddy, Kara Wallace, Rachelle Wallace and Ana Welser.

Medical center hosts craft fair

Pottery, porcelain ornaments and a potpourri of holiday items offer variety at the annual St. Elizabeth Medical Center Craft Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday. The traditional pre-holiday event will be in the Ketteler Center of the medical center, 2100 Madison Ave. Several vendors donate their proceeds to area charities. For example, Sisters of Divine Providence sell pins

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Entertainment

'Story of Us': funny, teary, endearing motion picture

What happens when the most engaging, soulmate couple you know hits splitsville? Rob Reiner tries to answer that question in "The Story of Us," a funny, teary, endearing movie that marks the director's return to the romantic comedy formula he mined so well in "When Harry Met Sally..."

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Starring Bruce Willis and Michelle Pfeiffer, "The Story of Us" might be alternately titled "When Harry and Sally Grew Sick and Tired of Each Other 15 Years Down the Road."

Willis and Pfeiffer play Ben and Katie Jordan, a picket-fence perfect couple with two oh-so-lovable children whom real-life parents would salivate to sire.

As the film opens, the family is together at the dinner table, playing a daily quiz, asking one another about their highs and lows of the day. For critics who rail against Hollywood sex and violence, it's precisely the portrait of family values they want the movie industry to present.

Yet as the kids wander off to prepare for summer camp, it becomes clear that all is not well with Mom and Dad. Though seemingly suited to a

T, their marriage has dried up from the sheer wear and tear of the job of staying together. Their moments alone are either thunderous with arguments or more thunderous with silence. They don't make eye contact much any more, afraid they might find there's no one there. So Ben and Katie go their separate ways. They split while the children are away and begin to contemplate the next question: one lawyer or two?

Though well-produced, though at times mildly interruptive, flashbacks, the movie presents snapshots of the Harry and Sally that Ben and Katie used to be. It balances nicely with the present-tense George and Martha they've become.

Basically, it's all over but the shouting. And the Jordans do a lot of shouting.

Recalling their first meet-

ing, when Katie donned a pith helmet to ward off the paparazzi, Ben hurled her way in jest, he asks, "What happened to that fun girl? ... Where did she go?" Her fierce retort: "You beat it out of me."

Willis, fresh from a subtle performance in "The Sixth Sense" and an outrageous satiric turn in "Breakfast of Champions," proves he can do a lot more than blow things up in action movies.

He displays the comic charm that launched his career in television's "Moonlighting," while evoking credible anger and remorse over a marriage done in by time.

It's no surprise that Pfeiffer shines in the darker, dramatic moments. Her fits of rage are icy and vicious. But she also shows a real bent for comedy, infusing Katie with an infectious spiritedness and

goofy good humor that makes it clear why Ben is the more reluctant of the pair to consign their fortunes to divorce court.

Pfeiffer and Willis get excellent support from Paul Reiser, Julie Hagerty, Tim Matheson and Betty White. Red Buttons, Jayne Meadows and Tom Poston as Ben and Katie's parents. Reiner and Rita Wilson are priceless as the Jordans' best friends, the couple Ben and Katie think of as their Fred and Ethel Mertz.

Reiner pontificates on the false nomenclature of the derriere, while Wilson has a wonderful scene in which she compares the sexual apparatus of the genders, advising that the female anatomy must relax and realize that the male anatomy is a "peaceful visitor."

Anyone who's experienced the painful end of a long rela-

tionship might snort at the reasoned and reasonable approach the Jordans cop once they decide to separate. They also might find it a stretch that nothing more overt than the mileage of the years, plus an overheard conversation in which hubby discusses his spousal problems with another woman, could jeopardize a marriage so enviably better than almost anyone else's.

Pfeiffer and Willis carry it off, though. They demonstrate endearing chemistry and sincerity as the Jordans in both the happy years and the spiteful ones.

The Universal Pictures release was produced by Rob Reiner, Jessie Nelson and Alan Zweibel and is rated R for strong language and sexual content.

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Movie listings

Film timetable for Sunday, Nov. 14. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

CARMIE PETITE
1-170 and Hwy. 157,
Collinsville, Ill. 344-1708
Pokemon (G) 7:15, 9:40
The Bachelor (PG-13) 7:10, 9:30
House On Haunted Hill (R) 7:05, 9:20
Double Jeopardy (R) 7:00, 9:35

COTTONWOOD EDWARDSVILLE CINEMA
Edwardsville, Ill., 656-6390
American Beauty (R) 6:45, 9:30
Fight Club (R) 7:00, 9:50
Bringing Out The Dead (R) 7:15, 10:00

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50 Ludwig Drive, 822-2463
Pokemon (G) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00
Pokemon (G) 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00
Superstar (PG-13) 1:25, 4:25, 6:55, 9:10

Light It Up (R) 1:25, 4:05, 6:45, 9:10, 11:30
House On Haunted Hill (R) 1:10, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00
House On Haunted Hill (R) 2:15, 5:15, 8:15, 10:30
The Fight Club (R) 1:10, 6:35
Bats (PG-13) 4:05, 9:20
Double Jeopardy (R) 1:20, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20
The Bachelor (PG-13) 1:05, 4:15, 6:40, 9:15
Blue Streak (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

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The Messenger (R) 3:45, 7:00, 10:05
Dogma (R) 4:45, 7:40, 10:25
Anywhere But Here (PG-13) 4:00, 6:40, 9:10
Pokemon (G) 3:50, 6:20, 8:45
Pokemon (G) 4:20, 6:50, 9:20
Light It Up (R) 4:40, 7:15, 9:45
House On Haunted Hill (R) 5:10, 7:50, 10:15
Double Jeopardy (R) 5:00, 7:20, 9:50
Sixth Sense (PG-13) 5:30, 8:10, 10:35

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The Insider (R) 4:30, 8:00
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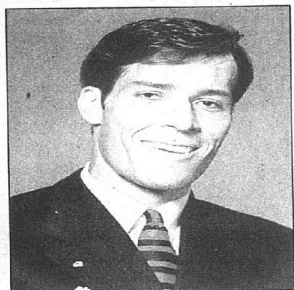
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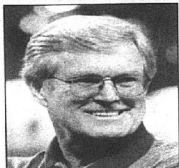
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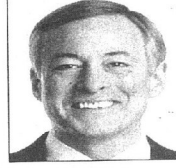
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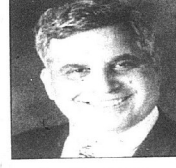
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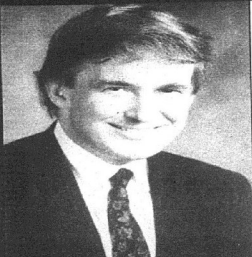
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MONDAY, Nov. 15 - Breakfast: breakfast burrito, pear halves, milk; Lunch: Pizza, whole kernel corn, sliced peaches, milk
TUESDAY, Nov. 16 - Breakfast: Waffles with syrup, blueberries, milk; Lunch: Grilled chicken patty on whole wheat bun with lettuce and tomato, mixed vegetables, fresh apple wedges, 8 ounce milk
WEDNESDAY, Nov. 17 - Breakfast: Cereal, toast and jelly, milk; Lunch: Baked turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, cherry cobbler, milk
THURSDAY, Nov. 18 - Breakfast: Pop Tarts (2), orange wedges, milk; Lunch: Sloppy Joe on bun with pickles, baked beans, pineapple chunks, milk
FRIDAY, Nov. 19 - Breakfast: Pancake sausage roll-up with syrup, mixed fruit, milk; Lunch: Fish nuggets, macaroni and cheese, peas, slice of bread, cinnamon applesauce, milk

St. Elizabeth School

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MONDAY, Nov. 15 - Beans and weiners, mixed vegetables bread slice mixed fruit
TUESDAY, Nov. 16 - Chef salad with ham, crackers, pears, muffin
WEDNESDAY, Nov. 17 - Baked ham, baby potatoes, green beans, bread slice, pineapple
THURSDAY, Nov. 18 - Chicken noodle soup with crackers, toasted cheese, carrot sticks, peaches
FRIDAY, Nov. 19 - Cheese pizza, corn, orange slices

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MONDAY, Nov. 15 - Polish sausage on bun, parsley potatoes, sauerkraut, fruit cocktail
TUESDAY, Nov. 16 - Pork chop with gravy, steamed rice, escalloped apples, wheat bread, chocolate chip cookies
WEDNESDAY, Nov. 17 - Cheesey ham and noodles, capri vegetables, cranberry juice, wheat bread, butterscotch pudding
THURSDAY, Nov. 18 - Chicken salad on a croissant roll, cheesy cream of broccoli soup, bean salad, vanilla ice cream
FRIDAY, Nov. 19 - Sliced turkey with gravy, cornbread dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, hot roll, pumpkin or pecan pie

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Milestones

Nov. 14

Morgan Carney turns 6
 Louie Scaterro turns 65
 Kindra Allen turns 21
 Also celebrating a birthday: Sherry DeRossett and Grogann Krake wick
 Celebrating an anniversary: Vince and Carla Heuer, 7 years

Nov. 15

Gene Robertson Jr. turns 34
 Celebrating an anniversary: Junior and Norma Mize, 20 years

Nov. 16

Daman Johnson turns 14
 Sonya Harmon turns 34
 Emily Lake turns 5
 Also celebrating a birthday: Dola Durbow and Terry Sutton
 Celebrating an anniversary: Steve and Sherry Bruzulis, 20 years

Nov. 17

Brish Bellman turns 27
 Nicholas Copeland turns 7
 Fanny Redman turns 59
 Joshua Pace turns 7

Nov. 18

Beth Shipley turns 12
 Jenna Bennett turns 7
 Also celebrating a birthday: Ed Robertson
 Celebrating an anniversary: Wally and Dink Scrum, 49 years John and Sherri Finke, 5 years

Nov. 19

Ina Smith turns 91
 Taylor Leonard turns 6
 Nicole Hughey turns 17
 Also celebrating a birthday: Steven Rippe

Nov. 20

Matthew Wells turns 17
 Also celebrating a birthday: John Kindie and Richard Wells Jr.

To submit an item to Milestones or delete an entry, send a postcard to "Milestones," Granite City Journal, 219 N. Illinois, Belleville 62220.
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Madison District 12

MONDAY, Nov. 15 - Breakfast: Cereal with toast, choice of milk; Lunch: Breaded pork patty on bun or chicken wings of fire, yellow corn, pears, fruit drink and choice of milk
TUESDAY, Nov. 16 - Breakfast:

French toast, choice of milk; Lunch: Pizza slice or cheeseburger on a bun, oven wedges, fruit cocktail, fruit drink and choice of milk
WEDNESDAY, Nov. 17 - Breakfast: Hot pockets, choice of milk; Lunch: Ham and cheese on croissant or chef salad with ham and cheese, carrot sticks, celery sticks, peach, fruit drink and choice of milk

THURSDAY, Nov. 18 - Breakfast: Pop Tarts, choice of milk; Lunch: Turkey and gravy or corn dog, whipped potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, gelatin, fruit drink and choice of milk
FRIDAY, Nov. 19 - Breakfast: Biscuit and gravy, choice of milk; Lunch: Steak fingers and bread or fish sandwich, peas, pineapple

chunks, fruit drink and choice of milk

Holy Family School

Milk served with all meals
MONDAY, Nov. 15 - Sloppy Joe on bun, French fried potatoes, corn, sliced cheese, pears
TUESDAY, Nov. 16 - Ravioli, salad,

cheese chunks, bread, applesauce
WEDNESDAY, Nov. 17 - Turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, pumpkin bars
THURSDAY, Nov. 18 - Chili or chili mac, carrot and celery sticks, grated cheese, crackers, Jello with fruit
FRIDAY, Nov. 19 - Fish sandwich, noodles, slaw, apple cobbler

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Fun is key ingredient

By Tom Strongman

Few cars are defined as much by their engine and transmission as the BMW Z3 roadster with the 2.5-liter engine. From the moment I first slipped it into first gear, until I left my possession a week later, I was captivated. Every errand and every trip was punctuated with a sweet-sounding exhaust note and one of the slickest gear shifts on the market. Considering that it has a base price of \$31,300, the Z3 2.3 is a whole lot of fun for the money. No longer available with the four-cylinder engine, the Z3 is powered by an in-line, aluminum 2.5-liter six-cylinder that cranks out 170 horsepower. Despite the fact this twin-cam engine has 23 horsepower less than its 2.8-liter sibling, its personality is higher strung and is, to me, more fun to drive. Zing the engine with the throttle, rock the stubby gear lever through its pattern and if you have the slightest enthusiasm for driving, you'll think you've found automotive heaven. The transmission's ratios are

matched so closely to the engine's power and torque characteristics that every shift is rewarded with spirited acceleration and one of the most endearing engine sounds I can recall. You can play exhaust tunes with the gearbox like Walter Mitty. Outright performance with the smaller engine is not as strong as with the 2.8, but I wouldn't call hitting 60 mph in 8.8 seconds slow. About the size of a Mazda Miata, the front-engine, rear-wheel-drive Z3 rides on a 96.5-inch wheelbase and has an overall length of 159.4 inches. It is built in BMW's plant in Spartanburg, S.C. The cockpit is fairly small, which means it fits most people like a well-tailored suit, but folks over 6 feet tall are likely to feel pretty cramped. Legroom was fairly generous. Zipping around with a great engine is only one facet of the Z3's appeal. Superb handling is another. This diminutive two-seater has reflexes as sharp as a cheetah's. The rear track was widened late last year, and that gives it greater grip and enhanced stability in turns. The now-standard Dynamic

Stability Control, or DSC, keeps things under control should you get too frisky with the throttle when exiting a turn, for example, and is a real benefit in snowy or slippery conditions because all-speed traction control is part of the system. DSC uses one brake at a time to help keep the car under control should you enter a turn too fast or serve to avoid a collision. BMW steering is among the best in the business, and the Z3's is no exception. Communication through the wheel is clear, direct and precise, and all models now sport the M Technic steering wheel. Instrumentation is first-rate, as ever, although the controls for heating/cooling and radio are pretty tightly crowded in the center of the instrument panel. The radio's buttons are maddeningly small, but with an engine that sounds as good as this one, I rarely turned it on. The manual convertible top is easy to raise and lower, but it has one major flaw: a plastic back window. The one on our test car already was scratched and smudged enough to obscure vision.

A power-top is optional, as is a removable hardtop with a heated rear window. The Z3's body exhibits some flex and wiggle over bumpy pavement, a not uncommon occurrence in convertibles these days but rare in a BMW. Rear visibility also is compromised by the outside rear mirrors being mounted pretty far back on the doors, a location mandated by the fixed side vent windows. Air bags, front and side, are standard. It wasn't too long ago that pundits thought the sports car was dead, but the birth of the Z3 has been influential in spurring development of rival two-seaters by Porsche, Mercedes-Benz, Audi, Honda and Toyota. If you like sports cars, the good times just continue to roll. The base price of our test car was \$31,300. Options included fog lights, cruise control and a radio with CD player. The sticker price was \$32,805. The warranty is for four years, or 50,000 miles.

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